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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING  
16 MARCH 2009

**Present:** Abdoo, Adlerstein-Gonzales, Altschuler, Andjelkovic-Zochowska, Bergin, Boxer, Brown, Fauman, Fitzgerald, Fossum, Fraser, Frost, Hardin, Hesseltine, Hirshorn, Holland, Jackson, Kearfott, Ketefian, Kileny, Koopman, Larsen, Lehman, Lenk, Maher, Navvab, Potter (Chair), Prygoski, Queen, Reddy, Rothman, Samson, Sheets, Silverman, Smith, Staller, Stark, Sweeney, Thompson, Thornton, Thouless, von Buelow, Wakefield, Yang

**Requested Alternate, none available:** Lim (Business)

**Alternates:**

**Absent:** Adriaens, Andre, Avi-Yonah, Clague, Culver, Currie, Denver, Dey, Eagle, Ensminger, Frier, Friesen-Lynn, Geary, C. Green, R. Green, Kabamba, Karni, Kosch, Lim, Mahalingam, Maybaum, Moore, Mueggler, Najita, Ottaviani, Patil, Poe, Primus, Rahme, Riles, Salesa, Saunders, Senkevitch, Shah, Ziff

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Draft Senate Assembly Agenda
2. Draft minutes of the Senate Assembly meeting of 16 February 2009

Chair Potter convened the meeting at 3:20 P.M. The draft agenda was adopted.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the 16 February 2009 meeting were approved as submitted as part of the consent agenda.

**VISIT OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT MARY SUE COLEMAN**

Chair Potter introduced the president at 3:22 P.M. She noted that the recent Capital Campaign has concluded successfully, and she thanked the faculty for their contributions. She then reviewed initiatives underway at the U-M to help encourage economic development in the state:

- A new embryonic stem cell consortium has been created;
- The film office is negotiating with a number of film companies on new projects;
- A business engagement center was established last year;
- The Pfizer facility and plans for it will hopefully create many new jobs.

The president said that on 25 March, the OVPR will launch a new website that is intended to demonstrate to state legislators, corporate CEOs and others what things the U-M is doing about innovation. She invited faculty to inspect the website and to offer suggestions.

### **Budget Planning-**

The president said that budget planning was on schedule and that a proposed budget would be delivered to the Regents in June. She said that priority is given to the academic mission of the U-M and to the welfare of faculty and staff. She said that she wanted the U-M to emerge from the current recession stronger than it was going into it. She pointed out that the state funding picture is unclear, but that both the state and federal agencies will be receiving a lot of stimulus funding and that the U-M is interested in both funding sources. She added, however, that she is mindful of the fact that ARRA funds are one-time money and that continuing budget expenses cannot be assigned to these funds. She noted that U-M research expenditures amounted to \$875M last year and that she expects the total to increase this year.

She ended her prepared remarks at 3:40 P.M., thanked the Assembly members for their service, and left the meeting.

### **SACUA ELECTION**

Chair Potter announced the field of candidates offered by the nominating committee and asked for additional nominations from the floor. Professor Smith nominated Professor Lehman from LSA. Chair Potter then declared the nominations to be closed. Each candidate was called on by the chair, in alphabetical order, to make a statement to the Assembly. Following the statements, ballots were distributed.

Chair Potter designated as tellers Professors Emeriti Brown and Moore and remanded the ballots to them for tabulation. At the conclusion of vice president May's presentation (see below) the tellers reported the results of the election:

Total number of ballots cast = 41

Professor Boxer- 20 votes

Professor Lehman- 29 votes

Professor Lusmann- 22 votes

Professor Rothman- 23 votes

Professor Tzeng- 23 votes

Chair Potter declared that Professors Lehman, Rothman, and Tzeng had been elected to SACUA.

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### **ACTION OF SENATE ASSEMBLY 031609-1**

Chair Potter reported that Regental action changing Kinesiology from a Division to a School has consequences for Senate Assembly apportionment. As a Division, Kinesiology was entitled to one seat on the Assembly but as a School it is entitled to two seats. Because the size of the Assembly is presently limited to 73 seats, a re-apportionment would be required and most likely either LSA or Medicine would lose a seat.

Dr. Fraser moved that the Assembly asks the Board of Regents to increase the size of the Senate Assembly to 74 seats (multiple seconds).

The action was declared unanimous on the basis of a voice vote.

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Professor Ketefian pointed to the attendance lists reported in Assembly minutes and questioned the high absentee rate at Assembly meetings. She asked if the Assembly had a mechanism to unseat members who perennially are absent. Chair Potter replied that no such mechanism exists, and because the members are chosen by election in their units, it would mean overturning those elections. Professor Abdo asked how units would know that their representatives are chronically absent. Chair Potter replied that SACUA could look into the matter.

#### VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT MAY

Chair Potter introduced the guest at 4 P.M. The vice president used a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate his remarks. He noted that the Capital Campaign raised \$3,200,733,103 including 2045 student scholarships and 191 endowed professorships, raising the total number of endowed chairs to 467. He added that no pledges have been cancelled so far despite the economic downturn. He described the \$165M contributed by 16,898 U-M faculty, staff, and retirees to be the most dramatic level of support from such groups that he has ever seen in higher education.

Professor Ketefian asked how the endowment funds are invested and what yield they were experiencing. The vice president replied that the funds are managed by a team of experts headed by Eric Lundberg, who was better qualified to answer the question. He added that endowment funds everywhere are down 20 to 25%, and that such was true at the U-M, as well. He said that the investments are heavily diversified and international, but that at the present time there is really no safe place to put your money.

Professor Ketefian asked the vice president to clarify the eligibility of students to draw funds from the president's donor challenge fund for Student International Experience. Vice president May replied that any school could initiate a fund with a minimum \$25,000 donation, and that any student could go to the Office of Financial Aid and request funds for study abroad.

The vice president said that his office was continuing to fundraise in the present economy, but that it was harder to get gifts. He ended his remarks at 4:25 P.M. and left the meeting.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

John T. Lehman  
Senate Secretary

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**University of Michigan Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Sec. 5.02:**

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In each school, college, or degree granting division of the University, including those at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and at the University of Michigan-Flint, the governing faculty shall be in charge of the affairs of the school, college, or division, except as delegated to the executive committee, if any, and except that in the School of Graduate Studies the governing board shall be the executive board, and in the Medical School shall be the executive faculty.

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